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January 30, 2017

Mr. Kenneth Talton, Enforcement Officer  
Superfund Enforcement Assessment Section (6SF-TE)  
U.S. EPA, Region 6  
1445 Ross Avenue  
Dallas, TX 75202-2733

Re: SBA Shipyard Superfund Site, Jennings, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana; CERCLIS#: LAD008434185; Information Request Pursuant to CERCLA Section 104€ 42 U.S.C 9604€, Information Request.

Dear Mr. Talton,

This letter is in response to your request for information dated January 11, 2017.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION CONCERNING RESPONDANT:

**Legal Name:** Heartland Barge Management, LLC, 1007 N. Main Street, Columbia, IL 62236

**Respondent Representative Answering Questions:** John S. Johnson, Vice President, Administration, 1007 N. Main Street, Columbia, IL 62236

**Description of Business:** Heartland Barge Management, LLC is based in Columbia, Illinois and has been in business since 1999. Heartland specializes in the management and operation of dry cargo hopper barges employed on the Mississippi River and adjoining rivers. Primary cargos moved include grain, fertilizer, mulch and other non-hazardous dry cargo commodities. The company currently manages 418 barges in a pool that markets freight to agricultural and other industrial companies. The company also leases 111 other dry cargo barges to customers involved in the movement of grain, aggregate, sand and other non-hazardous dry products.

#### REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION

**Section 1 – Have you or any associated and/or related entities in any way been involved or conducted business with the site?** NO – We have examined our vendor and logistic tracking records, and Heartland Barge Management has not been involved, nor conducted business with the site or the entities noted.

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## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST**

We were surprised that our company was included on the January 11 list of companies that the EPA is requesting information in this case. It appears that these companies are almost entirely involved in liquid cargo movements and operate in river segments different from Heartland Barge. We would like to request the information or documents that identified Heartland as a party that potentially had some connection with this site and operation, and thus asked to respond to the inquiry. Thank you for your assistance on this information request.

If there are further question on this matter, I can be reached at 618-281-0333.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John S. Johnson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John S. Johnson  
Vice President, Administration

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